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### **Liferaft Servicing Procedures**

This USCG Activities Europe Advisory prescribes the procedures for the periodic inspection and repair of USCG liferafts by approved servicing stations.

Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 160.151-53 requires the owner or operator of an approved liferaft servicing facility to provide notice to the Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection (OCMI) before servicing an inflatable liferaft under the servicing facility's Coast Guard Approval. The OCMI will inform the servicing facility whether the servicing of the liferaft must be witnessed by an inspector.

Upon completion of this liferaft servicing, please e-mail or fax a copy of the factory-servicing certificate to USCG Activities Europe.

Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 160.151.-57(r) requires servicing facilities to prepare and transmit, to the OCMI, at least annually, statistics showing the nature and extent of damage to and defects found in liferafts during servicing and repair. Minor defects and repairs can be reported in this annual statistic report.

If critical defects, which may affect other liferafts, are discovered while performing this servicing the facility is required to notify this office immediately as required by reference Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 160.151-57(r).

Liferaft servicing facilities are hereby directed to submit annual statistics by the anniversary date of this Marine Safety Information Bulletin. Audit/inspection requests, factory-servicing certificates, critical defect reports, and annual statistics should be sent to [acteurinspections@uscg.mil](mailto:acteurinspections@uscg.mil).

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All costs associated with facility audits, including inspectors' travel, are the responsibility of the servicing agent. Additional information regarding the scheduling of audits can be found in USCG Activities Europe Marine Safety Information Bulletin 03-08, Inspection Procedures for Liferaft Servicing Facilities, which can be found at <http://www.uscg.mil/acteur/msib.asp>.

A failure to provide the required notifications of servicing, reports of critical defects, and annual statistics will constitute a violation which may result in the withdrawal of Approval as allowed under Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 160.151.-55(a).

Additional guidance and information can be found at the links below:

Lifesaving and Fire Safety Division (*Commandant (CG-5214)*)  
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg5214/>

USCG Activities' Europe Website:  
<http://www.uscg.mil/acteur/>

United States Coast Guard Maritime Information Exchange (CGMIX)  
<http://cgmix.uscg.mil/Default.aspx>

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